

NPIC/D-385-70  
22 December 1970

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : NPIC Review of Photographic Evidence on POW Camps in  
Southeast Asia

1. NPIC has not received any photographic coverage of North Vietnam useful for the purpose of reviewing the status of POW camps since that of a mission on [REDACTED] (the day after the Son Tay raid). Therefore, NPIC cannot report on any changes in the enemy's protective posture at prison camps following the Son Tay raid. Also, NPIC has been unable to identify prison camps in Laos or Cambodia in the limited amount of photography available to NPIC covering those areas.

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2. In NPIC's review of past photography over North Vietnam it has identified 16 prison camps. Three of these prisons were newly discovered during the NPIC review.

3. NPIC has determined 15 positive "signature" aspects of active prison camps in North Vietnam. No one of these signatures confirms that the prison is a POW camp or that it contains American prisoners, but a combination of them could do so. These signatures are:

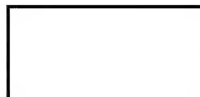
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6. Additional photography is needed if further analysis is desired. Photography by the [redacted] system is preferred. Only one such mission has been flown -- on [redacted] Some low level Drone photography of the places indicated in the attached list would assist further analysis.

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NPIC Listing of North Vietnamese POW Camps  
(In Priority Order) Requiring  
Low Level Photographic Coverage

1. Cu-loc (N-53)\* Prison Camp at geographic coordinates 21-00-08N, 105-49-30E or UTM 48Q WJ857222. NPIC has received no low level photography of this facility since [REDACTED] 25X1
2. Xom Ap Lo (N-51) Prison Camp at geographic coordinates 21-09-08N, 105-20-31E or UTM 48Q WJ355388. NPIC has no low level photography of this facility.
3. Hung Yen (N-30) Prison Camp at geographic coordinates 20-39-32N, 106-03-10E or UTM 48Q XH096845. No low level photography is available on this camp.
4. Citadel (N-62) Prison Camp at geographic coordinates 21-02-09N, 105-51-02E or UTM 48Q WJ884261. NPIC has received no low level photography of this prison since [REDACTED] 25X1
5. Ha Lo (N-43) Prison Camp at geographic coordinates 21-01-26N, 105-51-01E or UTM 48Q WJ882249. NPIC has received no low level photography of this installation since [REDACTED] 25X1
6. Chom-La: Probable Prison Camp at geographic coordinates 20-01-59N, 105-30-48E or UTM 48Q WH536150. This newly identified camp has no low level photographic coverage available.

\*The number in parentheses represents the DIA designator for suspect, probable and confirmed prison camps. Item 6 has not been confirmed by DIA at this time.



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